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REMARKS

Claims 7-12 are pending; and of these, claims 7, 9 and 10 have been amended. Reconsideration of the instant application is respectfully requested in view of this Paper.

The Examiner has maintained (1) the rejection of claims 7, 9 and 10 under Section 102(b) on the basis of Wunsch, and (2) the rejection of claims 8 and 12 under Section 103 on the basis of Wunsch in view of Lundberg et al.

Claim 11 has been indicated as being allowable.

At pages 2-3 of the Office Action, the Examiner maintains, with further explanation, the position that Wunsch teaches the relative, recited relationship of Applicant's transverse member, transverse crossmember, extension arm and movable slide. In doing so, the Examiner states that, "[t]he only part [in Wunsch] that moves horizontally is the conveyor rail 34 . . ." Further, the Examiner states, as does Wunsch, that its slide 70 is "displaceably mounted at right angles to the guide rail 12."

Though Applicant believes the Examiner is misguided in the application of Wunsch and takes this opportunity to renew Applicant's remarks with respect to Wunsch as provided in Applicant's preceding response of December 15, 2009, Applicant has further amended independent claim 7 to state with greater particularity the invention recited therein.

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As shown hereinabove, such amendment more specifically recites Applicant's horizontal movement of the extension arm relative to Applicant's recited transverse member. Further, Applicant recites that Applicant's movable slide is coupled to a second transverse crossmember comprising a workpiece holding means that is movably positionable in the manner recited so as to be pivotable relative to the recited extension arm.

Additionally, Applicant has further stated the relationship of Applicant's linear guides with respect to the recited guide carriage.

In these ways, Applicant's construction recites dual horizontal movement, which includes that of its extension arm, and its recited slide and attached workpiece holding means. Such movement is particularly shown with respect to Figs. 1 and 2 of Applicant's disclosure.

Nowhere in Wunsch is there any teaching or suggestion of such dual movement. This is particularly the case since, as the Examiner has acknowledged, as above, Wunsch's only horizontal moving part is its conveying rail 34. Still further, Wunsch fails to teach or suggest the relative horizontal movement of Applicant's recited slide as provided in Applicant's claims, as amended, so as to enable Applicant's movement of the recited workpiece holding means.

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Lundberg et al., either when taken alone or in combination with Wunsch, likewise fails to teach or suggest Applicant's construction as recited in Applicant's claims, as amended.

Claims 9 and 10 have been amended to more particularly recite the invention therein as shown hereinabove.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that Applicant's claims, as amended, patentably distinguish over Wunsch and Lundberg et al., either when taken alone or in combination.

Additionally, with respect to Applicant's IDS dated December 15, 2009, Applicant notes, as discussed with the Examiner on May 20, 2010, that the publication number of Kawamoto as provided therein was inadvertently improperly listed insofar as such number was recorded thereon as "2003/0084704." The correct publication number is: 2003/0084701; all other aspects with respect to the listing of Kawamoto are correct. In this regard, Applicant takes this opportunity to express Applicant's appreciation for the Examiner's indication during the above-noted discussion that processing and consideration of the appropriate listing would occur and be reflected in the record of the application. Herewith, such appropriate listing is provided in the Paper entitled, "Correction of Previously Submitted Information Disclosure

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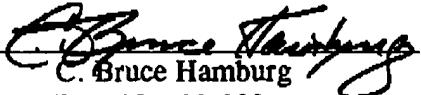
Statement;" as such, Applicant again expresses appreciation for the Examiner's time and consideration with respect to this matter.

No fee is believed due. If there is any fee due the USPTO is hereby authorized to charge such fee to Deposit Account No. 10-1250.

In light of the foregoing, the application is now believed to be in proper form for allowance of all claims and notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

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